From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

Subject: FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PSYCHOLOGISTS

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Title:

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

There was a lot of conversation about the logistic difficulties in conducting oral exams for the board. The issues outlined were:

- 1. Physical location availability
- 2. Exam frequency of twice a year
- 3. Schedule conflicts (more licensees are not able to volunteer due to the timing)
- 4. Travel requirements that make it unattractive for volunteers

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

While I do not hold a specific opinion on whether or not the Oral exams should be continued; I want to point out that the use of technology will eliminate all the above problems; in case the commission decides to continue administering Oral exams.

GotoMeeting, Skype Meetings, Webex, telepresence etc. are used extensively by the general public and will allow the agency to conduct several exams, without travel requirements and expenses. All these software provide recording capabilities, that will make the meetings available for an offline review if needed.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree